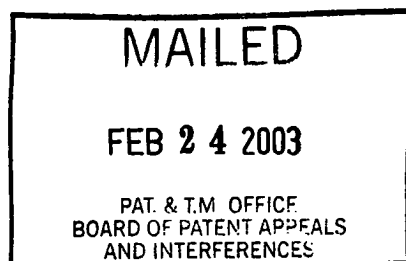




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Application No.: 09/337,710, now Patent No.
6,255,053, granted 07/03/01
Filed: 06/21/99
For: DRY BIOCHEMICAL ASSAY PLATE AND
METHOD FOR MAKING THE SAME
Accorded benefit: Application 08/412,498, filed
03/28/95

The above-identified application or patent has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences because it is adjudged to interfere with another application or patent. An interference has been declared. The interference is designated as No. 105,089.

Notice is hereby given the parties of the requirement of the law for filing in the Patent and Trademark Office a copy of any agreement "in connection with or in contemplation of the termination of the interference." 35 U.S.C. § 135(c).


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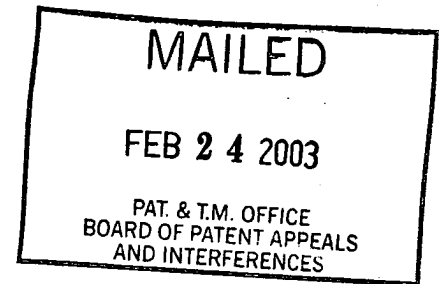
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Patent Interference No. 105,089

AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
(5,922,534 and 6,255,053),
Junior Party,

v.

AFFYMETRIX, INC.
(09/614,068),
Senior Party.



NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE
(37 CFR § 1.611)

Part A. Declaration of interference

An interference is declared (35 U.S.C. § 135(a)) between the captioned parties. Details of the application, patents, count, and claims designated as corresponding to the count appear in Parts E and F of this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE.

**Part B. Administrative patent judge assigned
to administer the interference**

The interference has been assigned to Richard Torczon. 37 CFR § 1.610.

Part C. Standing order

A Trial Section STANDING ORDER accompanies this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE. The STANDING ORDER applies to this interference.

Part D. Conference call to set dates

A telephone conference call to set dates for action in this interference is scheduled for **4 p.m. (Eastern) on 16 April 2003.** (The Board will initiate the call.)

No later than **two business days** prior to the conference call, each party shall file and serve by facsimile a list of the preliminary motions the party intends to file. See § 17 of the STANDING ORDER.

A copy of a sample order setting times for taking action during the preliminary motion phase of the interference accompanies this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE. Counsel are encouraged to discuss the order by telephone prior to the telephone conference call and to reach an agreement as to dates for taking action. A typical preliminary motion period lasts approximately nine months. Counsel should be prepared to justify any request for a shorter or longer period.

Electronic filing and service

The Board is encouraging parties to participate in an electronic filing and service pilot program. Details are available in Univ. of New Mexico v. Fordham Univ., (Paper 21) (BPAI 2001): <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/bpai/its/104761-021.pdf>

The parties should be prepared to discuss their participation during the conference.

Part E. The parties to this interference

Junior Party

Inventor: KAY LICHTENWALTER of San Jose, CALIFORNIA

Patent: 5,922,534, issued 13 July 1999 (08/412,498, filed 28 March 1995)

Title: Dry biochemical assay plate and method for making same

Priority benefit: None

Patent: 6,255,053 B1, issued 3 July 2001 (09/337,710, filed 21 June 1999)

Title: Dry biochemical assay plate and method for making same

Priority benefit: 08/412,498, filed 28 March 1995

Assignee: Agilent Technologies, Inc.

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Senior Party

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Application: 09/614,068, filed 11 July 2000

Title: Very large scale immobilized polymer synthesis

Priority benefit: 08/563,759, filed 29 November 1995 (6,506,558 B1, issued 14 January 2003)
08/348,471, filed 30 November 1994 (6,420,169 B1, issued 16 July 2002)
07/805,727, filed 6 December 1991 (5,424,186, issued 13 June 1995)

Assignee: Affymetrix, Inc.

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Part F. Count and claims of the parties

Count 1

The assay plate of 5,922,534 claim 1.

The claims of the parties are:

Agilent 534: 1-18

Agilent 053: 1-5

Affymetrix: 8-40

The claims corresponding to Count 1:

Agilent 534: 1-18

Agilent 053: 1-5

Affymetrix: 8-40

The claims not corresponding to Count 1:

Agilent 534: None

Agilent 053: None

Affymetrix: None

Part G. Heading to be used on papers

Addendum 1 provides the heading that shall be used on all papers filed in the interference. See § 18 of the STANDING ORDER.

Part H. Summary of dates for taking action

Addendum 2 provides a summary of dates and times for taking action set in the STANDING ORDER.

Part I. Order form for requesting file copies

Addendum 3 provides an order form for requesting file copies. Use of the form will expedite the processing of your request.


RICHARD TORCZON
Administrative Patent Judge

Enclosures:

Copy of STANDING ORDER
Copy of order used for setting times for taking action in the preliminary motion phase of the interference
Copy of order used for setting times for taking action in the priority phase of the interference
Copy of U.S. Patents 5,922,534 and 6,255,053
Copy of the application claims for 09/614,068

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TITLE OF PAPER

¹ Leave blank for the Board to insert the paper number when the paper is entered into the administrative record.

ADDENDUM 2

SUMMARY OF DATES FOR TAKING ACTION

Dates and times for taking action are set in the following sections of the **STANDING ORDER**:

1. **§ 7** - date for identifying lead and backup counsel.
2. **§ 8** - date for identifying any real party in interest.
3. **§ 9** - date for requesting copies of involved and benefit applications and patents.
4. **§ 17** - date for filing list of preliminary motions to be filed.
5. **§ 19** - date for accomplishing certain discovery.
6. **§ 20** - date for filing clean copy of claims.
7. **§ 21** - date for filing clean copy of claims in cases with drawings or claims containing a means-plus-function limitation.
8. **§ 23** - times for filing oppositions to Rule 635 motions and times for filing replies to oppositions.
9. **§ 33** - time for objecting to admissibility of evidence.
10. **§ 34** - time for serving supplemental affidavits or evidence to respond to an objection to admissibility of evidence.
11. **§ 35** - times when cross-examination can take place.
12. **§ 45** - times for taking action with respect to settlement discussions

ADDENDUM 3

FILE COPY REQUEST
Patent Interference No. 105,089

A copy of Part E of this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE should be attached to this FILE COPY REQUEST, with a hand-drawn circle around the patents and applications for which a copy of a file wrapper is desired.

To facilitate processing of this FILE COPY REQUEST, the following information should be included:

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